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CALCUTTA 2234 FOLLOWS. SENT TO NEW DELHI FOR ACTION ON 9 SEP 76.
BEING RPTD FOR YOUR INFO.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 2234

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, IN

SUBJ: SEPTEMBER 8 INCIDENT IN CALCUTTA

REF: CALCUTTA 2228

1. FROM FURTHER REPORTS WE GOT YESTERDAY EVENING AND
THIS MORNING IT APPEARS THAT THE INCIDENT IN QUESTION
DID GROW OUT OF AN ATTEMPT BY POLICE TO ARREST ONE OR
MORE TICKETLESS TRAVELERS, AND THAT TWO PERSONS WERE
KILLED BY POLICE FIRE AND ONE OR MORE INJURED. PRESS
SOURCES TELL US POLICE ATTEMPTED TO ARREST AN OLD MAN
TRAVELING WITHOUT A TICKET, STUDENTS INTERVENED TO
PROTECT HIM, RUCKUS DEVELOPED, SHOTS WERE FIRED AND
THE INCIDENT ENDED WITH STUDENTS RIOTING AND BURNING
A RAILWAY CARRIAGE. THIS TOOK PLACE IN NORTH CALCUTTA,
IN AN AREA ADJACENT TO MOSLEM QUARTER BUT NOT (AS WE
WERE AT FIRST TOLD) IN MOSLEM QUARTER. AS BEST WE HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO LEARN, MOSLEMS WERE NOT INVOLVED OR IF
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SO WERE NOT THE MAIN PROTAGONISTS.

2. IF IT IS TRUE THAT TWO WERE KILLED AND ONE OR MORE INJURED BY POLICE FIRE INTO CROWD, THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST SUCH OCCURRENCE SINCE THE EMERGENCY. POLICE USUALLY OPERATE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID USING FIRE-ARMS ON CROWDS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

3. PAPERS SEPTEMBER 8 CARRY NOTHING AT ALL ON THE SEPTEMBER 7 INCIDENT, NOT EVEN THE KIND OF OBSCURE STORY OF ARRESTS FOR PUBLIC DISTURBANCE THAT ACCOMPANIED THE RIOTING OVER STERILIZATION SEVERAL WEEKS BACK. PRESS SOURCES TELL US THAT THE CENSOR HAS BANNED ANY MENTION OF OR HINT AT YESTERDAY'S HAPPENINGS.
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